Instructions for submission of GSBS Spring Common Application.

GSBS students may apply for up to 11 different scholarships and fellowships (supporting up 25 individual students) through the Spring Common Application which will be due on May 12, 2018. Available awards will include 9 that provide support for a student’s GRA.

Please see the [GSBS Scholarships and Fellowships web page](#) for information about the purpose and eligibility criteria for each award. Applications may be submitted using Embark beginning April 19th, 2018. A link to Embark will be provided on the above web page at that time.

**To submit an application, students will need to have the following on hand to submit to Embark:**

1. Your ORCID number
2. Information about any other current or pending external funding for your GRA.
3. An updated CV
4. A 150 word Donor Statement - written for a non-scientist
5. The names and email addresses of two faculty members who will provide letters of recommendation. One should be your advisor who will also be asked by the system to submit a 1 page training plan.
6. The evaluation pages from your most recent advisory committee meeting. Students whose last meeting was the candidacy exam may submit that evaluation.
7. A research project description - See instructions below.

Please contact Joy Lademora (joy.lademora@uth.tmc.edu) or Bill Mattox (wmattox@uth.tmc.edu) if you have any questions.

**Research Project Description**
Limited to six pages total. Use Arial, 11 point font with 0.5 inch margins. Upload the description as a single document that includes each of the components below. Figures may be included within the allowed six pages. The references section is not counted towards the page limit.

- **Specific Aims:** Provide a concise and persuasive overview of the central hypothesis to be tested in your research project and the specific goals of your Research Plan. (Maximum 1 page)
- **Background and Significance:** Critically evaluate existing knowledge and specifically identify gaps that your research fills. Describe the significance of the work and how it relates to the research area(s) targeted by the award(s) for which you are applying.
- **Research Progress:** Summarize your most important research accomplishments as a GSBS student. If collaborative work is included, clearly indicate how you contributed to that work and acknowledge the contributions of others. Be sure to discuss how your findings impact
your hypothesis and research goals. Students applying for an ALA renewal should specifically indicate what has been accomplished over the past year.

- **Research Plans:** Provide an overview of the experimental strategy that you will use to complete your aims. Discuss potential outcomes, pitfalls and alternative strategies.

- **References**

Note: The relative space used for progress and plans is intended to be flexible. You should allocate space in these sections as appropriate. For example, students who are at early stages in their training may emphasize their research Plan, while students who are at advanced stages of training may devote most space to describing their progress.